

Nunes announces Academy nominees

Rep. Devin Nunes announced today he has nominated 13 young men from Fresno and Tulare counties for enrollment in the U.S. Service Academies.

"It is no surprise to me that we have students of such high caliber from this area to nominate to the academies," Mr. Nunes said. "These students have worked hard to achieve academic and physical excellence."

For the second consecutive year, a five-member committee chosen by Rep. Nunes interviewed the candidates and made recommendations to the congressman for each academy. That group includes: Brig. General Ed Munger (ret.), Clovis City Councilman Jose Flores, Tulare County School Superintendent Jim Vidak, Buckman-Mitchell Insurance President Cliff Dunbar, and former Tulare County Board of

Education President Chris Reed.

The nominees for enrollment in the four U.S. Service Academies include:

Bryan Ray—Camp Nelson

Jonathan Black—Clovis

Joseph Brewer—Clovis

Chase Millard—Clovis

Zachary Sensenbach—Clovis

Matt Camack—Clovis

Michael Montero—Clovis

Dan Asael Solis—Dinuba

Cody Griffin—Exeter

Aaron Dunn—Three Rivers

James Potter—Three Rivers

Jose Mora—Tipton

Max Navo—Visalia



**Seal of the
Military Academy
at West Point**



**Seal of the
U.S. Merchant Marine
Academy at
Kings Point, New York**



**Seal of the
U.S. Naval Academy
at Annapolis**



**Seal of the
U.S. Air Force
Academy at
Colorado Springs**

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Management (BLM) and other public lands. The National Park System contains 388 sites covering 84 million acres. The BLM covers 261 million acres—about 1/8 of the land in the United States.

"During his short tenure as both a member of Congress and a member of the Resources Committee, Congressman Nunes has truly distinguished himself as an effective, dedicated lawmaker," Chairman Pombo said. "He is a rising star in Congress and I have every confidence that he will surpass all expectations as a subcommittee chair-

man. The American people will be well served with the gavel of the National Parks Subcommittee in Devin's hands."

Rep. Nunes said he is eager to institute an action plan for the subcommittee that would put a spotlight on numerous areas of concern.

"As chairman of the subcommittee I intend to focus my attention on oil, gas and renewable energy development on public lands, including resources available in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," Rep. Nunes said. "Additionally, I think it is vital that we update and strengthen the Endangered

Species Act and its affect on public access to national lands."

Other priorities Rep. Nunes said he will address are balancing the protection of public lands with recreation activities by visitors, as well as the problem of prolific drug production on public lands. The congressman plans to hold at least six field hearings in the next two years and several site visits across the nation with members of the subcommittee.

"In terms of the committee's oversight role, I believe we need to look closely at the budgets of the National Park Service and Bureau of

Land Management," he said. "There is a need to address maintenance backlogs in our public lands, which are estimated to cost nearly \$5 billion, as well as the implementation of the Healthy Forests Initiative, among others."

The chairmanship is a natural fit for Rep. Nunes whose own district includes two national parks, two national forests, a national monument, a national trail, wildlife refuges and many other public lands.